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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CIA CONNECTION WITH ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (EPRP)

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1. AMHARIC PRESS THIS MORNING CARRIED AMHARIC LANGUAGE
VERSION OF PMAC'S SEPT 15 WARNING TO EPRP AS WE HAD IT
YESTERDAY. MORE REFINED TRANSLATION OF RELEVANT PASSAGE RE
CIA FOLLOWS:

"..... OR IS IT THE EPRP, THIS MOTLEY CREW OF SCIONS OF
THE NOBILITY WHICH IS COMMITTING DIRTY UNDERHANDED TRICKS
IN UNISON WITH THE REACTIONARIES, THE FALLEN REGIME AND THE
CIA..."

2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE ETHIOPIAN HERALD DOES NOT TRANSLATE
PASSAGE WORD FOR WORD, BUT LEADS INTO MAJOR PORTION OF
STATEMENT BY SAYING,"IN A STATEMENT BRAODCAST OVER THE
RADIO YESTERDAY MORNING (SEPT 15) THE GOVERNMENT
REITERATED ITS CONDEMNATION OF THE EPRP WHOSE MEMBERS ARE
COMPOSED OF THE OFFSPRINGS OF THE FORMER NOBILITY AND PAID
CIA TOOLS POSING AS REVOLUTUONARIES TO CONFUSE WORKERS
AND THE BROAD MASSES IN THEIR FUTILE ATTEMPT TO REVERSE
THE COURSE OF THE REVOLUTION." SAME PHRASEOLOGY WAS
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CARRIED ON LAST NIGHT'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE TV NEWS PROGRAM.

3. PMAC STATEMENT ITSELF IS CHIEFLY LONG LITANY OF
REPORTEDLY SPECIFIC ACTS OF "ECONOMIC SABOTAGE"
CARRIED OUT BY "ANARCHISTS" OF THE SO-CALLED "EPRP" IN
STATE-RUN MECHANIZED FARMS IN SHOA, ARUSSI AND BALE
ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS" (ETHIOPIAN HERALD) AND WAS
DESCRIBED BY THE HERALD AS A "WARNING " BY PMAC THAT
EPRP AND ITS "REACTIONARY ALLIES" WHICH "SEEK TO SUBVERT
THE ONGOING POPULAR REVOLUTION THROUGH ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL SABOTAGE WILL BE CRUSHED BY THE BROAD
MASSES."
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